

REMARKS

The allowance of claims 1 - 10 is acknowledged.

By the present amendment, the title has been amended and claims 11 - 13 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof such that the rejection of claims 11 - 14 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, insofar as such rejection is a proper rejection, should be overcome. That is, applicants note that claim 14 is a dependent claim which depends upon allowed claim 1 and not any one of claims 11 - 13 such that applicants submit that claim 14 which does not have the phrase "the second compression system" is not properly rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, and should be considered allowable with its parent claim 1.

As to the rejection of claims 11 - 13, under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, such rejection has been overcome by the cancellation of such claims.

Similarly, the provisional rejection of claims 11 - 14 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 - 4 of copending application No. 10/404,452 should be overcome in that claims 11 - 13 of this application have been canceled and claim 14 depends from claim 1, which is allowed, and therefor, any perceived conflict in the claims no longer exist. As such, this rejection should also be overcome at this time.

Since only allowed claims 1 - 10 and dependent claim 14 which depends from allowed claim 1 remain in this application, applicants submit that all claims present in this application should now be in condition for allowance and issuance of an action of a favorable nature is courteously solicited.

Further, submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement and consideration of the documents listed is requested.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 500.30304C14), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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